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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE
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E. OGM 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ETRD, MA

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SALE OF SURPLUS TRUCKS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: LOCAL FIRM WISHES TO PURCHASE SURPLUS
2. 5 TON, FOUR- WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS FROM USG. ACTION
REQUESTED: INFORMATION ON SURPLUS SALES OF THIS TYPE
OF TRUCK. END SUMMARY.

2. DIRECTOR OF WELL- ESTABLISHED GBOCAL FIRM, ATELIER
DE MECANIQUE AUTOMOBILE (AMECA), HAS ASKED EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON PURCHASE OF
SURPLUS USG- OWNED TRUCKS. MODEL HE HAS IN MIND IS REOAUM-35,
A FOUR- WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK WITH LOAD CAPACITY OF 2.5 TONS
BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY TRUCK WITH SIMILAR SPECI-
FICATIONS. FIRM COULD PURCHASE TRUCK CHASSIS EITHER WITH OR
WITHOUT MOTORS. AMECA CONTEMPLATES PURCHASE OF 50 TO 100
VEHICLES IF PRICES ARE REASONABLE.

3. AMECA HAS RECEIVED PRICE QUOTATIONS FROM U. S. FIRMS
WHICH HAVE REHABILITATED SURPLUS TRUCKS BUT WAS VYOUNG
PRICES MUCH TOO HIGH FOR LOCAL MARKET. FOR THIS REASON,
AMECA WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE PURCHASE DIRECTLY FROM USG
WITH REFURBISHING TO BE DONE IN FIRM'S OWN EXTENSIVE
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITIES.

4. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED AMECA DIRECTOR THAT USG
SURPLUS SALES NORMALLY CONDUCTED ON BID SYSTEM WITH
PURCHASER ACCEPTING THE MATERIALS ON WHERE IS/ AS
IS BASIS. DIRECTOR INDICATED HE WOULD BE WILLING TRAVEL
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TO US OR ELSEWHERE TO INSPECT SURPLUS
TRUCKS ON SALE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ON SURPLUS SALES OF
USG- OWNED TRUCKS WITH SPECIFICATIONS INDICATED PARA 2.
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